GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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GOLD DEPOSIT IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether gold deposits have recently been discovered in various parts of the country particularly in Orissa during the survey conducted by the Geological Survey of India (GSI);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether some companies have sought licenses for exploration of the gold mines;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the total quantity of gold likely to be explored from these mines, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b) : Geological Survey of India has discovered Gold deposits in the country during last five years in Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, but no Gold deposit has been discovered in Orissa. The State-wise details of Gold deposits discovered in the country are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d) : Prior approval of Central Government has been conveyed for grant of two Prospecting Licences in the State of Karnataka, two Reconnaissance Permits [RP] in Orissa and one RP in Madhya Pradesh for exploration of Gold to private companies in the period from 1.4.2006 to 31.3.2007.

(e) : The total quantity of Gold likely to be available from Gold mines depends on various factors like type and grade of ore, technology used for extraction, etc.

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The State-wise details of Gold deposits discovered in the country

	STATE	AREA	RESOURCE [million tonnes]	GRADE[g/t]
1	Rajasthan	Bhukia Gold Prospect, Banswara district	55.22	1.87
		Dugocha Main Block, Udaipur district	0.48	2.24
		Dugocha North Block, Udaipur district	0.25	1.91
		Dhani Basri area, Dausa district	3.80	1.53
2	Jharkhand	Parasi, Ranchi district	1.51	2.47
		Pahardia, West Singhbhum district	0.58	3.73
3	Andhra Pradesh	Dona South Block, Kurnool district	1.11	1.16 - 6.28
		Dona North Block, Kurnool district	0.09	3.85
4	Karnataka	Ajjanahalli East Block, Tumkur district	0.29	2.00
		Ajjanahalli Central Sector, Tumkur district	0.10	1.65
		Ajjanahalli East Block (North Sector), Tumkur district	0.38	1.70